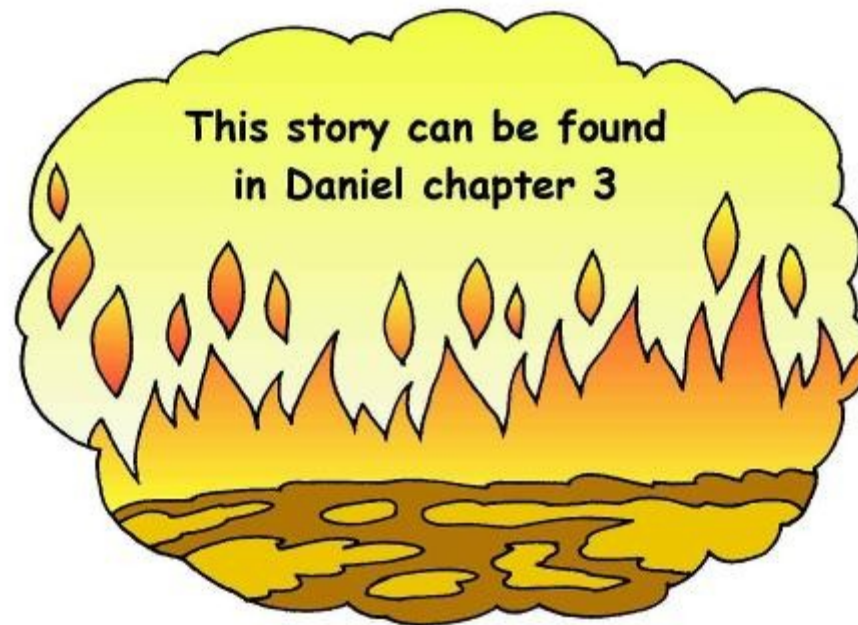


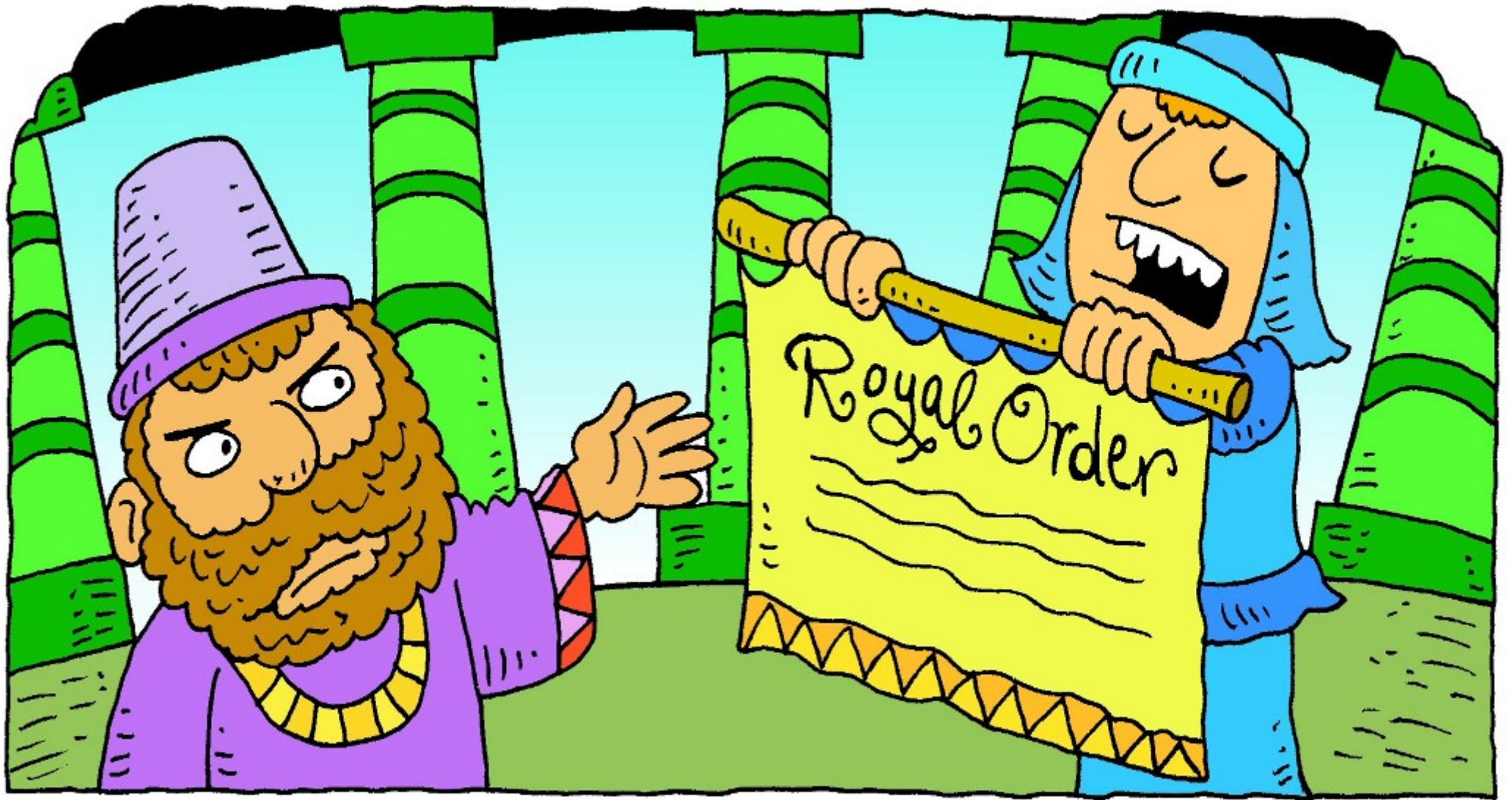
# Three Men In A Fire

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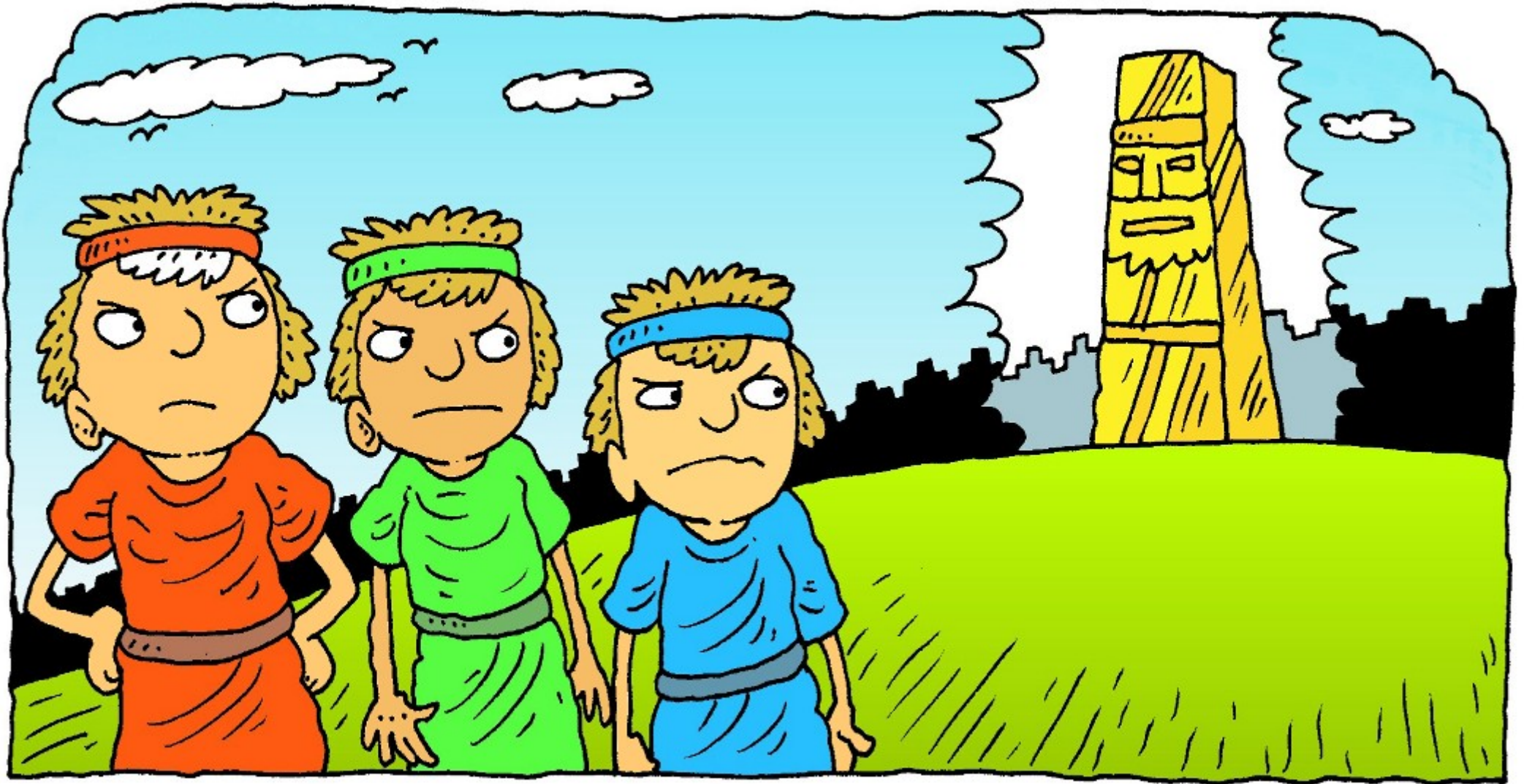
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Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.

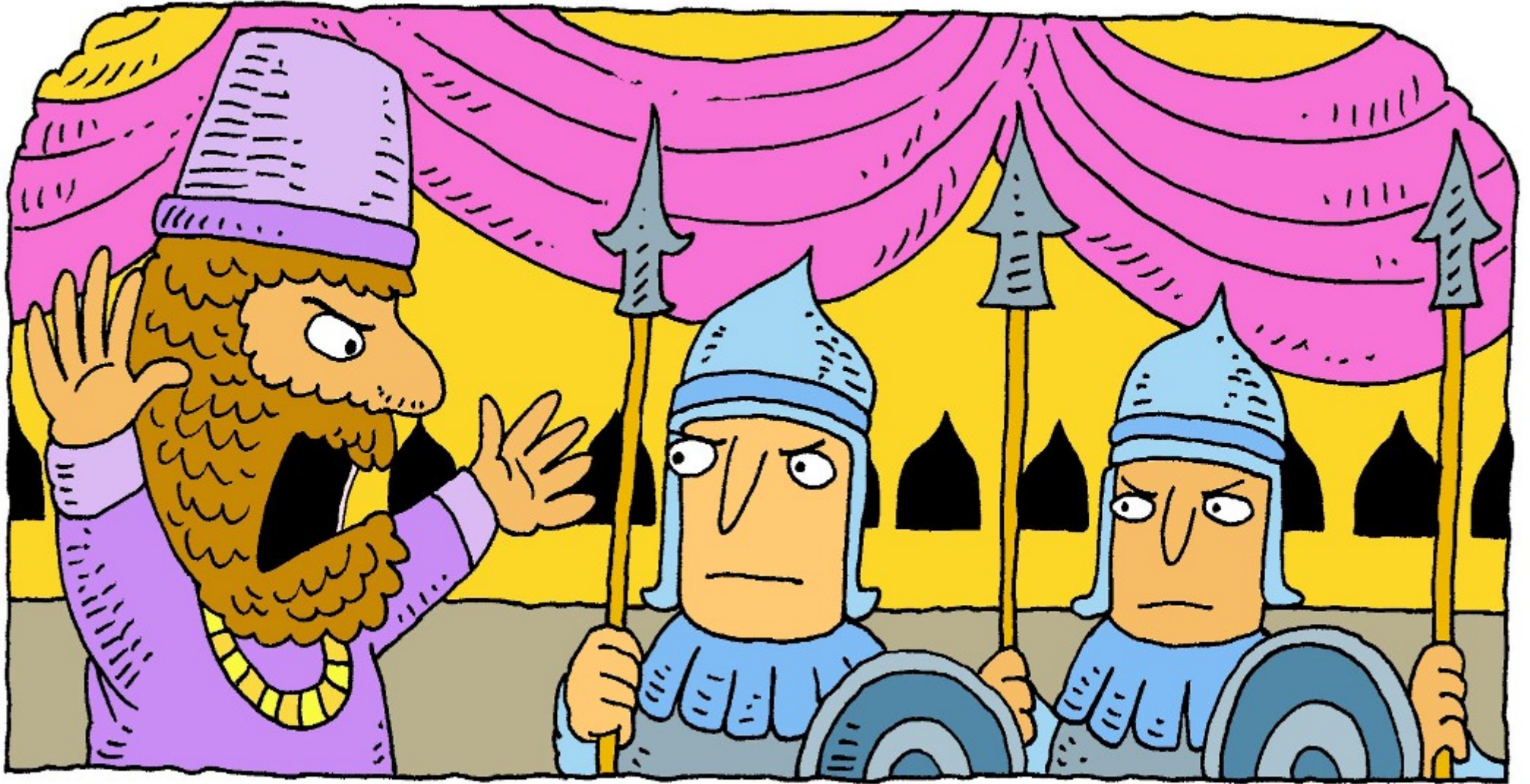




Nebuchadnezzar was a very bossy king.  
“Everyone must bow down and  
pray to a big gold statue I have made.  
It will be your God,” said the king.



Three men would NOT bow  
to the big gold statue.  
“We bow and pray ONLY to God,”  
they said, “not to a statue a man has made.”



The king was **VERY** angry.

He made another rule.

“These men must be thrown into a fire,” he said.

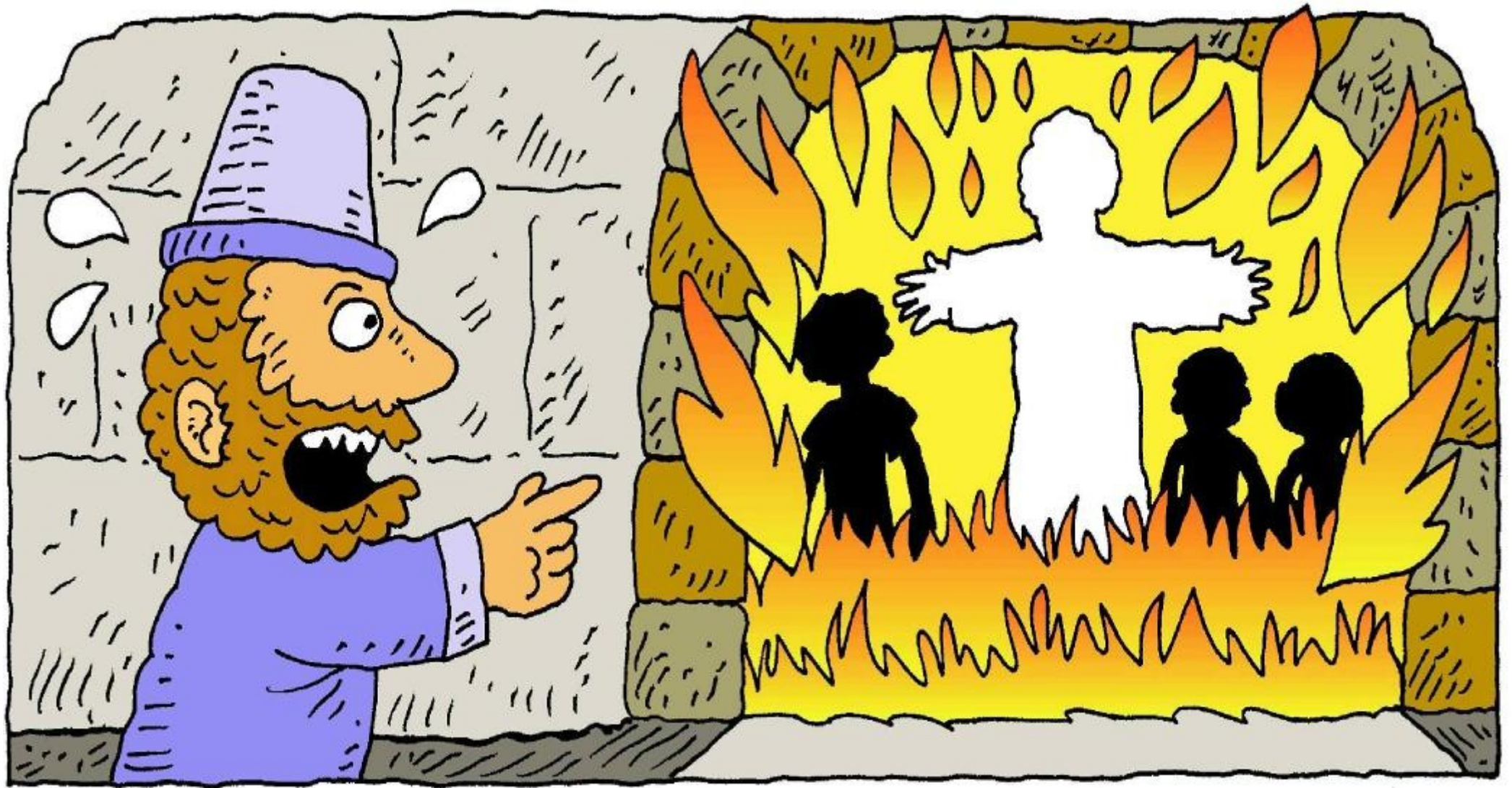
“Make **VERY** hot fire and they will change their mind.”



The soldiers made a **VERY** hot fire.  
The three men prayed and they  
asked God to help them.  
They would not bow down to statues.



The king's soldiers threw the men into the fire.  
It was very hot but it didn't burn them!  
God was looking after them!  
Not even their clothes got burnt!



The King looked into the fire  
and saw God's angel looking after the men.  
He knew a statue could never do that.  
Then the King believed in God.



The King made a new rule.  
“The three men were right and I was wrong.  
Everyone in my kingdom must pray  
to God and not to statues,” he said.